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1 | 34. (Thrice Amended) A computer data storage medium storing a  
2 correspondence table which enables compression of a pronunciation dictionary, the  
3 correspondence table comprising:  
4 a plurality of correspondence sets each including  
5 a correspondence text entry that is part of a dictionary word;  
6 a correspondence phoneme entry representing the pronunciation of the  
7 correspondence text entry; and  
8 a correspondence symbol for identifying the correspondence set [and],  
9 wherein at least one said correspondence symbol forms a  
10 symbol set for use as a compressed data entry in generating said  
11 compressed pronunciation dictionary.

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1 | 43. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 42<sup>9</sup> wherein at least one said  
2 correspondence symbol forms a symbol set for [is] use[d] as a compressed entry in  
3 generating said compressed pronunciation dictionary.

1 50. (Twice Amended) A method of storing a pronunciation guide, comprising  
2 the steps of:  
3 inputting a correspondence set into a correspondence table; and  
4 inputting into said correspondence table a correspondence symbol  
5 corresponding to said correspondence set; wherein at least one said correspondence  
6 symbol forms a symbol set [is] for use as a compressed entry in generating a  
7 compressed pronunciation dictionary.

#### REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office Action, claims 34-40, 42-47, and 49-55 were examined, and claims 34-39 and 50-55 were rejected. In response, Applicant submits the foregoing amendments and the following remarks to more clearly point out the patentable features of the invention and distinguish the same over the prior art of record, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

#### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 34 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant is amending claims 34 and 50 to recite "wherein at least one said correspondence symbol forms *a symbol set for use as a compressed (data) entry*" (emphasis added). Thus, a symbol set